

Fairfax Little League
Minutes
11 November 2009

- I. Call to order. The meeting began at 1940. There was a quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes. The October minutes were approved.
- III. Timeline. Timelines were presented and discussed. The Chairman adjusted some elements and will present again in January (attached).
 - a. Winter Camps. Camps are on track. VBC in Merrifield and Woodbridge have been responsive.
 - b. Sign-up Deadline. The sign-up deadline was established. Wording is to be adjusted so that parents are informed they are getting a discount for signing early rather than being penalized for signing up late.
 - c. Tryouts. Try outs are on track. Fairfax High School Gymnasium was scheduled, but Sunday was not secured because of a possible conflict with basketball.
 - d. Opening Day/Parade. Public affairs is working the parade and has already contacted the Potomac Nationals for the mascot.
 - e. Photography. This has been scheduled for the spring and is on the timeline.
- IV. Administration.
 - a. By Laws Update. The secretary is working the by laws and will have a draft for the February meeting. A number of other league by laws are being reviewed.
 - b. Nomination for Jr./Sr. Leaders. Both Mike Anderson & Vince Burruano were approved..
- V. Treasury Report (attached). The league is operating within budget. All accounts have been reconciled.
- VI. Public Affairs. Public affairs will engage in January and help coordinate signs, the publicity plan, with schools, general marketing, and opening day parade. The secretary has offered an alternate route that may reduce costs and keep the players off Fairfax Blvd.
- VII. Fields & Grounds. Supplies are being acquired, fields discrepancies worked, details for the safety report coordinated, winterizing the fields, and coordination conducted with Burke Conservancy. The secretary met with an official with Burke Conservancy to discuss costs and liability if others use the field.
 - a. Facilities. Required keys have been produced and distributed. Buildings have been winterized.
- VIII. Fall Ball. Equipment turn-in is mostly complete and PPRs almost all in. The survey results are being tabulated and should be available in January 2010.
 - a. League Discussions. Charters are being completed and spring manager nominations worked.
 - b. Web Site. Registration is opening on the web site in December.
- IX. Umpire and Rules. The league will have to work with one umpire who has been considered overbearing at times. There have been several coach and parent complaints. The rules are being updated for 2010. They will not be printed, but will be posted on the web site. There is a push to have local rules that coaches need during games sequestered in its own section.

X. City Report. The Providence 90' field is behind schedule because of faulty fill work and poor weather. However, the field should be playable in the spring. Scheduling is requesting a number of fields for spring play. 90' fields are in high demand. The secretary is working with the City to improve the JV field so Little League might use it.

XI. Scheduling. Team Numbers and Spring Field Requirements are completed. Efforts have begun to acquire fields from both the city and the county.

XII. Safety. The annual plan needs to be completed. There are two sections and the online system is not "friendly." Fields and grounds is to complete the field section while safety should complete the remainder.

XIII. Training. PCA continues next year. More aggressive support is required to make the program work. VBC is the mainstay of winter programs. The national league president is coordinating an after school program for little leaguers in the Burke area.

XIV. The meeting was adjourned at 2210.

Mace Carpenter
Secretary